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PRODUCTION OF COMPOST
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Union Government for production of compost from city garbage, organic wastes and bio-fertilizers;

(b) whether NGOs participation in production and distribution of compost has been sought;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any grant-in-aid scheme has been set up for the production of compost from garbage; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The Union Government has taken following steps for production of compost and biofertilizers:-

(i) Under the Scheme `Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertllizers`, funds have been provided forsetting up of 30 compost plants at a cost of Rs.7.89 crores during 8th & 9th Plan for production ofcompost from city garbage & bio-degradable organic waste for use as manure.

(ii) Under National Project on Development & Use of biofertilizer, funds have been provided forsetting up of 77 biofertilizer production units at a total cost of Rs.10.44 crores. Besides, ICARhas also provided financial assistance to five projects at a total cost of Rs.80.56 lakhs under their revolving funds scheme for encouraging production of biofertilizers.

(iii) Besides, Ministry of Environment & Forests has also funded 3 projects at a cost of Rs.1.35 crores for preparation of compost from municipal solid waste.

(b)&(c): Under the Balanced & Integrated Use of Fertilizers Scheme compost plants are to be set upby Municipal Corporations, however, they have complete flexibility to involve any NGOs or private entrepreneurs for running the plants on day-to-day basis.

(d)&(e): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Balanced and Integrated Use of Fertilizers, under whichgrants are given @ Rs.50 lakhs for setting up of mechanized compost plants in urban areas is being continued during Xth plan as a part of new scheme namely `Macro-management of Agriculture − Supplementation/Complementation of States efforts through work plans`.The States can thus continue to set up compost plants under this new scheme.